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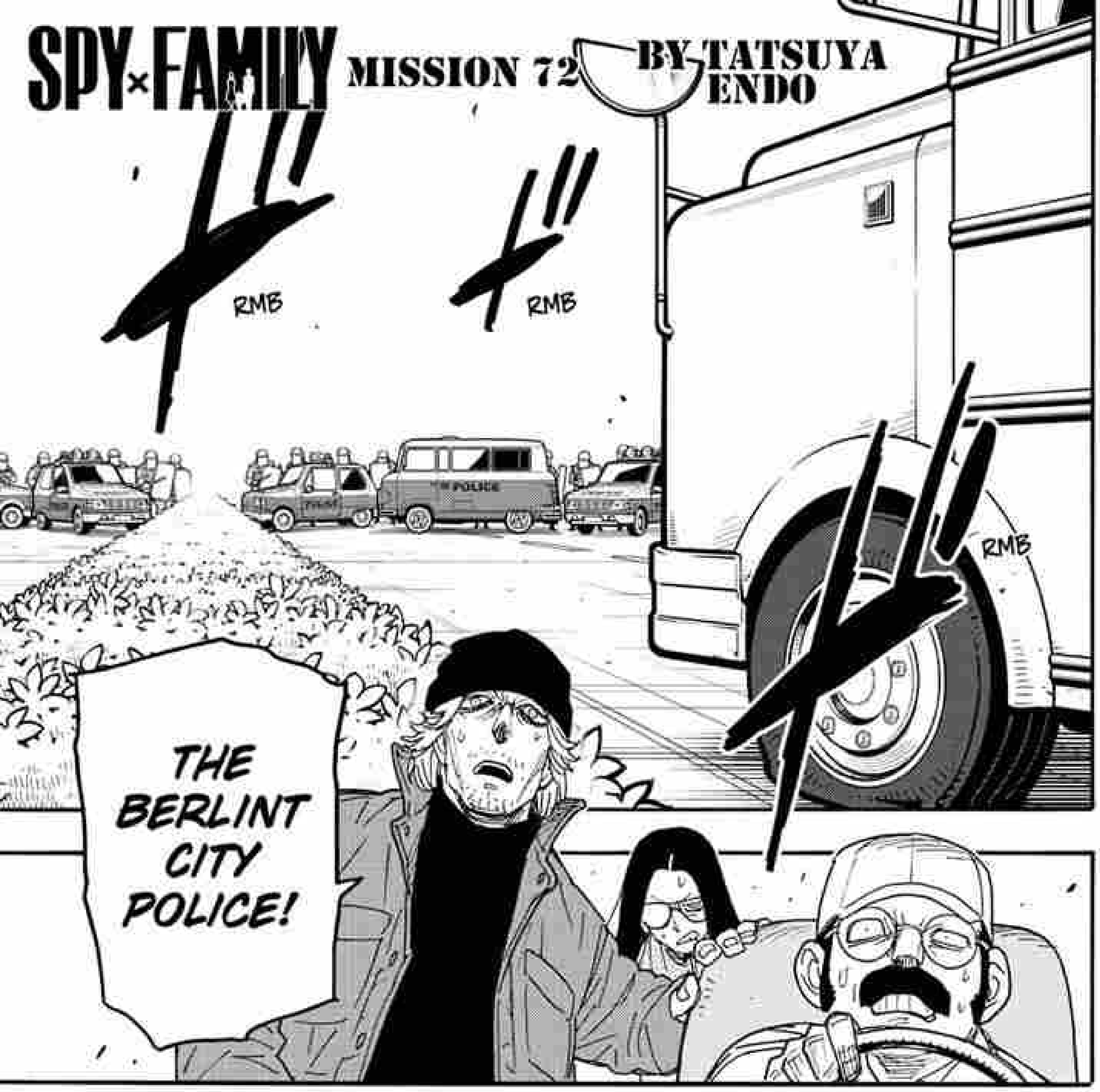

TRANSLATION: CASEY LOE LETTERING: RINA MAPA

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JOLT

IF YOU'RE NOT BACK IN YOUR SEATS IN FIVE SECONDS, I'LL PUMP YOU FULL OF LEAD!

CHAK!

DON'T MOVE !!

EEK!

BZZ

WAS THAT A GUN-SHOT ?!

HOW'D THEY PULL IT OFF?!

THE KIDS COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN WHERE WE WERE GOING.

Hngh ...

Guh!

CRAP! HOW DID THEY MANAGE TO GET AHEAD OF US?!

ATTENTION, HIJACKERS! WE KNOW YOU'VE TAKEN A BUS FULL OF EDEN ACADEMY STUDENTS!

THIS IS THE BERLINT POLICE!

THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND...

DAM-MIT!

NOT ON THESE FLAT TIRES!

CAN WE BREAK THROUGH?

UGH. AND THEY'RE NOT THE SORT TO BE PUT OFF BY HOSTAGES...

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RUSTLE

BILLY! NOW WE'VE GOT THE SSS COMING FROM THE OTHER DIRECTION!

TAKE THESE CLOTHS AND COVER UP THE WINDOWS.

ULP!

CHAK

HEY, YOU KIDS.

LEAVE ANY GAPS AND I'LL PUT A BULLET IN YOU.

COVER 'EM UP GOOD.

AND OUR SNIPERS WON'T BE OF ANY USE.

WE WON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE!

Grr...

THEY'RE BLACKING OUT THE BUS WINDOWS!

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RSTL RSTL

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LOOK, THE DOOR'S OPENING!

KCHAK

CEASE THIS POINTLESS RESISTANCE AND SURRENDER AT ONCE!

GRRP

WHAT DO YOU WANT?!

WE'LL TAKE EVERY KID ON THIS BUS AND THE OTHER BUS DOWN WITH US!

SCREW WITH US AND YOU'LL FIND OUT!

MURMUR

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!

A BOMB ?!

THE FIRST IS FREEDOM FOR ALL 17 OF OUR IMPRISONED RED CIRCUS COMRADES.

THE SECOND IS SAFE PASSAGE FOR US AND ALL OF THEM TO THE NATION OF NORTICA.

WE HAVE TWO DEMANDS.

YOU'LL PREPARE A PLANE FOR US AT BRUMBALOW AIRPORT AND ESCORT US THERE.

POLICE

FOR EACH OF OUR COMRADES YOU FREE, I'LL RELEASE FIVE STUDENTS.

WITHDRAW YOUR FORCES, COMMANDER.

TMP

DAMN IT, NOW WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO—

WAIT. WE NEED TO DISCUSS—

SLAM

YANK

LET'S ALL DO OUR PART TO END THIS WITHOUT ANY BLOODSHED.

HEY, WE CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT! THE SAFETY OF THE HOSTAGES IS THE PRIORITY HERE!

PREPARE TO STORM THE BUS.

WE DO NOT NEGOTIATE WITH TERRORISTS.

THESE SUSPECTS FALL UNDER OUR JURISDICTION.

THE SSS? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

Hmph!

WOULD YOU ENDANGER THE LIVES OF ALL YOUR COMPATRIOTS FOR THE SAKE OF A FEW DOZEN CIVILIANS?

CAPITULATING TO TERRORISM ULTIMATELY EMBOLDENS THE WEST.

JUST AS YOU POLICE OFFICERS HAVE A DUTY TO PROTECT CIVILIANS...

...WE IN THE SSS HAVE A DUTY TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY.

IF YOU'RE PINNING YOUR HOPES ON NEGOTIATION, YOU'RE RACING TOWARD A BRICK WALL.

HMPH.

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OUR ORDERS FROM THE MINISTRY ARE TO WAIT! YOU'RE NOT TAKING OVER ANYTHING!

MOST OF THE COMRADES HE WANTS RELEASED AREN'T EVEN ALIVE ANYMORE.

WE STALL FOR TIME AND LET THE KIDS' PARENTS PRESSURE THE GOVERNMENT.

AS SOON AS WE GIVE THEM A DEADLINE, THEY'LL HAVE AN EXCUSE TO SEND THE STATE SECURITY SERVICE TO STORM THE BUS.

COME ON, BILLY! YOU GOTTA BE TOUGHER THAN THAT!

TELL 'EM, "IF YOU DON'T COMPLY BY SUNDOWN, WE START KILLING STUDENTS ONE BY ONE!"

EH?

TWITCH

NO, DAMIAN, YOU HAVE DONE CHAIRMAN DESMOND PROUD! KEEPING IT TOGETHER IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS IS A REAL ACHIEVEMENT!

IF THIS ENDS UP CAUSING TROUBLE FOR FATHER...

AW, DANG IT. I GOTTA DO SOMETHING.

MUMBLE MUMBLE

UGH... I CAN'T BELIEVE EVERYONE SAW ME LIKE THAT...

ARE YOU OKAY, BOSS MAN?

YOU KNOW HE'S RIGHT, DAMIAN!

EVEN OUR PARENTS CAN BE COUNTED ON FOR THAT MUCH!

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THERE'S NO SHAME IN OUR BEING RESCUED BY ADULTS.

WE'RE KIDS, SO WE'RE POWERLESS.

NOW WE WAIT FOR THE GROWN-UPS TO SAVE US.

THAT'S SO RUDE!

MAN, YOU REALLY ARE JUST A 40-YEAR-OLD GRADE SCHOOLER.

IS HE SURE?

ON THAT TOPIC, OUR "KEBAB GUY" SAYS HE MAY HAVE SEEN IT HEADING SOUTHBOUND ON ROUTE 113.

BUT UNTIL WE KNOW WHERE THE OTHER BUS IS, OUR HANDS ARE TIED.

YES, THAT APPEARS TO BE THE CASE. THE BUS ANYA WAS RIDING ON WAS STOPPED BY THE POLICE ON ROUTE 1.

HE SAYS THAT ROAD'S NOT ON ANY SCHOOL BUS ROUTES, SO HE FOUND IT SUSPICIOUS.

UNDERSTOOD. I'LL LEAK THAT LEAD TO THE POLICE.

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BOUND BY HIS CAPTAIN SO HE WOULDN'T TRY TO HELP

A STRANGE BUS WAS SIGHTED IN THE DEMFOREST DISTRICT, AND IT COULD BE THE ONE WITH THE KIDS FROM CLASSES 5 AND 6!

CHIEF! EDEN ACADEMY JUST PASSED AN ANONY-MOUS TIP TO THE POLICE ABOUT THE HIJACKING!

I HAVE LOTS OF GOOD INFOR-MANTS IN THAT DISTRICT!

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO INVESTI-GATE THAT LEAD!

FONTAINE ACADEMY'S IN NEWRE, SO THAT WAS PROBABLY THEIR BUS. SCRATCH THAT ONE.

I'VE GOT SIGHTINGS OF IT IN BOTH NEWRE AND KERUB.

IT PASSED THROUGH THIS ROAD IN THE DIRECTION OF KINGS-HOUSE.

THAT'S RIGHT, AN EDEN ACADEMY SCHOOL BUS.

THERE'S A CHECKPOINT NOT FAR PAST THAT, AND DRIVING AROUND FOR TOO LONG WOULD ATTRACT ATTENTION.

LAST KERUB SIGHTING WAS 20 MINUTES AGO ON THE TAIL BRIDGE. NOTHING AFTER THAT.

ALL RIGHT. I'LL ASK AROUND.

SO THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THEY HOLED UP AND STASHED THE BUS SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE...

DUMPING THE BUS TO TRAVEL BY CAR WITH 40 BRATS WOULD BE A SERIOUS PROJECT.

AND I'LL SCOUR THIS AREA UNTIL I FIND IT!

GLINT

CAPTAIN! WE GOT A MESSAGE FROM HQ.

TCH... LAPDOGS OF THE POLITICAL ELITE.

AND DIVISION 1 HAS STUCK THEIR NOSES IN TO ARGUE AGAINST TAKING ANY DRASTIC MEASURES.

APPARENTLY THEY HAVE A LEAD ON BUS B. WE'RE ON STANDBY UNTIL THEY FIND IT.

I GUESS WE'RE IN FOR PRO-TRACTED WARFARE.

SCHOOL BUS

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FIDGET

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FIDGET

HERE, PLEASE! I NEED TO GO!

I CAN'T HOLD IT ANY LONGER!

THE SHRUBS? RIGHT THERE...?

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Ugh...

ANYONE WHO'S GOTTA GO, RAISE YOUR HAND NOW.

YOU'LL DO YOUR BUSINESS IN THE SHRUBS OVER THERE.

ONE KID AT A TIME.

DAMIAN HAS A BOMB AROUND HIS NECK. I'D NEVER EVEN CONSIDER IT!

YOU KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF YOU TRY TO RUN?

SCHOOL BUS

SOMEONE'S COMING OUT AGAIN!

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NO. IT'S NOT WORTH DOING IF WE CAN'T GET ALL THE CULPRITS AT ONCE.

SHOULD WE HAVE THE SNIPERS FIRE?

IT'S JUST, UM... YOU KNOW, THIS IS REALLY EMBARRASS-ING...

Out in the open like this.

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MAKE SURE TO THANK YOUR PARENTS FOR THAT.

IF THIS IS WHAT EMBARRASSES YOU, YOU'VE LED A CHARMED LIFE INDEED.

SKREEE

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SIR, IT ISN'T SAFE FOR YOU TO LEAVE THE CAR!

WAAAH! WHERE IS SHE? WHERE'S MY BECKY?!

MARTHA ?!

I AM THE C.E.O. OF BLACKBELL INDUSTRIES!

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NO CIVILIANS ALLOWED BEYOND THIS POINT.

THESE ARE MY STUDENTS. WHERE ELSE WOULD I BE?

We've only just arrived ourselves.

HENRY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

THE SITUATION IS DEADLOCKED AS WE AWAIT THE GOVERN-MENT'S RESPONSE.

THEY'RE STILL IN THE BUS.

Oof...

DO YOU KNOW HOW THE STUDENTS ARE FARING?

BUT WHAT PURPOSE DOES IT SERVE FOR YOU TO BE HERE?

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IF THEY HAVE TO WAIT MUCH LONGER, I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'LL BE ABLE TO MANAGE IT, PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY...

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WOBBLE
HRF ...
ARE MOMMY AND DADDY AND MARTHA HERE YET...?
WHAT ARE THE POLICE DOING? ARE THEY STUPID?
RESCUE US ALREADY!
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!
WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE THIS?
I WANNA GO HOME.
I'M REALLY THIRSTY.
I'M SO TIRED.
NGH ...
ARE YOU OKAY, SIR?

KACHAK

WELL? WHAT'S THE RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCIL?

IN THE MEANTIME, WE'D LIKE TO ATTEND TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE HOSTAGES. ALLOW US TO BRING THEM FOOD AND WATER!

WE'RE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING THREE PRISONERS FREED FROM THE PREVIT CORRECTIONAL CENTER. THESE THINGS TAKE TIME!

AND NOT A COP. SEND SOMEONE FROM THE SCHOOL. THERE'S ONE IN THE BACK, RIGHT?

BUT ONLY ONE PERSON CARRIES IT OVER.

YEAH, THAT'S FINE.

FINE.

CHIEF! I'LL DRESS UP AS A FACULTY MEMBER AND BRING THEM IN.

WAIT! WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY SAW THROUGH YOUR RUSE?

WE BROUGHT FIELD RATIONS IN THE CAR. GIVE THEM THOSE.

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? THAT WOULD ONLY ANTAGONIZE THE HOSTAGE TAKERS.

I'LL HAVE OUR FAMILY CHEF PREPARE THEM THE FINEST OF MEALS.

Thanks, ma'am.

I WISH TO PUT THE STUDENTS' MINDS AT EASE.

I WILL GO.

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CHAK

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CLATTER CLATTER

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BACK IN YOUR SEATS, NOW!

WAAAAH!!! WE MISSED YOU SO MUCH!

IS EVERY-ONE ALL RIGHT?

MASTER HENDER-SON!!

DO NOT FEAR. YOU WILL BE RESCUED.

EVEN NOW, I EXPECT YOU TO COMPORT YOURSELVES WITH THE DIGNITY OF EDEN STUDENTS.

CALM DOWN, EVERY-ONE.

CLEARLY MY WIZENED BODY IS NO THREAT TO YOU.

THEN TAKE ME IN HIS STEAD.

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MISTER TUTOR-IN-RESI-DENCE!

I-I'M SO SORRY, MASTER HEN-DERSON... AS CHAPERONE, IT WAS MY—

NO. WE'RE NOT GIVING UP ANY HOSTAGES.

GET THIS MAN TO A HOSPI-TAL!

YANK

WHAT DOES THAT FOOL THINK HE'S DOING?!

DESPICABLE COWARDS!

GLARE

SIT DOWN.

AND MISS FORGER IS WEARING ONE TOO...

THAT MUST BE THE NECK BOMB THE POLICE SPOKE ABOUT!

Master H!

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SUCH NERVES OF STEEL!

WAHOO! I'M SO HUNGRY I COULD EAT A HORSE!

For real?

NOM NOM

GASP

HEY! YOU DON'T TALK TILL I TELL YOU TO.

HAVE YOU PASSED OUT WATER AND RATIONS TO EVERY STUDENT?

YOU MAY NOT WISH TO EAT, STUDENTS, BUT FORCE YOURSELVES. YOU'LL NEED YOUR STRENGTH.

SHE WAS ACTUALLY SINCERE WHEN SHE SAID THAT?!

G-GASP

Yeah, like running through a jungle to get strong! And practicing life-and-death stuff over and over to get brave!

HOW WOULD THAT NOT BLOW US UP TOO?!

How exciting!

OOH, YOUR WORLD-DOMINATIONING FAMILY HAS COME TO SAVE US?!

SO DADDY HAS TO BE OUT THERE AFTER ALL!

THEY DON'T DOMINATE THE WORLD, BUT THEY ARE REALLY STRONG! I BET THEY'LL BLOW THESE JERKS UP WITH TANKS!

Phew!

OH!

BB RATION

B UNIT

OUR COMPANY MAKES THESE!

HM? HOW CAN THEY POSSIBLY BE THIS COMPOSED...? DID THEY NOT NEED ME AFTER ALL...?

EH... I'VE HAD BETTER, AND I'VE HAD WORSE.

THAT'S RIGHT! AND OUR COMPANY MAKES THESE, SO SHUT UP!

THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO DEMAND FIRST-CLASS COMFORTS!

YEAH, THESE ARE GROSS.

THESE ARE SO FLAVOR-LESS.

NOM NOM

EXCUSE ME, HAVE YOU CHILDREN YOUR-SELF?

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YEAH. ONE DAUGH-TER.

MY DAUGHTER...

ENTANGLING INNOCENT CHILDREN IN YOUR MACHINATIONS IN THIS MANNER—

THEN I DON'T SUPPOSE I COULD APPEAL TO YOUR PARENTAL SYMPATHIES TO SEND THESE CHILDREN HOME TO THEIR PARENTS?

SHE WAS MURDERED BY THE STATE.

WE WERE SIMPLY SPEAKING OUT TO PROTECT THE WEAKEST MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY.

...THE RED CIRCUS STARTED AS A STUDENT MOVEMENT ADVOCATING FOR PEACE AND EQUALITY.

AS AN EDUCATOR, YOU PROBABLY KNOW THIS, BUT...

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SHE WAS ONE OF US.

NO WAR

PEACE

SAVE

IT WAS THE STATE THAT TURNED VIOLENT AGAINST US.

WE WERE A RESPECTABLE MOVEMENT THAT FOUGHT FOR OUR CAUSE WITH RESPECTABLE MEANS.

I'M GONNA SEE TO IT THAT THEY REAP WHAT THEY'VE SOWN.

SO I'M NOT TAKING CRITICISM FROM A MEMBER OF THE ESTAB-LISHMENT.

BUS TIRE TRACKS ...!

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I FOUND THEM!!

To be continued!